CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS[1]

National Institute of Mental Health

Frequently Used Mechanisms:[2]

Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (PA-00-019): NIH Guide, December 2, 1999		
This program uses the **K01** funding mechanism, and is for research scientists who need an additional period of sponsored research experience (Minimum of 75% effort) to gain expertise in a new research area that will enhance the candidate's scientific career. Also for candidates who have interrupted their careers, or faculty members at institutions with a substantial minority enrollment.	**Duration**	Up to 5 years
	Mentor	Yes
	Salary	Max $90,000
	Res. Costs	Max $50,000
	Renewable	No
Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (PA-00-003): NIH Guide, October 8, 1999		
This program uses the **K08** funding mechanism, and is for outstanding clinician research scientists who are committed to a career in research (Minimum of 75% effort) and have the potential to develop into independent investigators. Research experience may integrate didactic studies with laboratory or clinically based research.	**Duration**	Up to 5 years
	Mentor	Yes
	Salary	Max $90,000
	Res. Costs	Max $50,000
	Renewable	No
Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (PA-00-004): NIH Guide, October 8, 1999		
The **K23** program is for clinically trained professionals who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research (Minimum of 75% effort), and who have the potential to develop into productive clinical investigators focusing on patient-oriented research.	**Duration**	Up to 5 years
	Mentor	Yes
	Salary	Max $90,000
	Res. Costs	Max $50,000
	Renewable	No
Independent Scientist Award (PA-00-020): NIH Guide, December 2, 1999		
The **K02** program is for newly independent to mid-career scientists who can demonstrate the need for a period of intensive research focus (Minimum of 75% effort) as a means of enhancing their research careers, and develop into outstanding scientists with potential to make significant contributions to their field of research. At the time of renewal, applicants must have peer-reviewed research support from NIMH.	**Duration**	Up to 5 years
	Mentor	No
	Salary	Max $90,000
	Res. Costs	Max $25,000
	Renewable	Yes – Once
Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (PA-00-005): NIH Guide, October 8, 1999		
The **K24** program is for outstanding clinical scientists engaged in patient-oriented research, generally within 15 years of specialty training, who need a period of intensive research focus to enhance their clinical research careers (Between 25 and 50% effort), and who are committed to mentoring the next generation of clinical investigators focusing on patient-oriented research.	**Duration**	5 years
	Mentor	No
	Salary	Max $62,500
	Res. Costs	Max $25,000
	Renewable	Yes – Once
Senior Scientist Award (PA-00-021): NIH Guide, December 2, 1999		
The **K05** program is for exceptionally talented senior scientists who are well established in their fields and who have demonstrated a sustained, high level of productivity and whose expertise, research accomplishments, and contributions to the field have been and will continue to be critical to the mission of the NIMH. Applicants must have peer-reviewed research support from NIMH, and devote a minimum of 75% effort to the program.	**Duration**	5 years
	Mentor	No
	Salary	Max $90,000
	Res. Costs	Max $25,000
	Renewable	No

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[1] See: NIMH Policy Update for Career Awards (K-SERIES) (NOT-98-101): NIH Guide, July 29, 1998
[2] For more programs, see NIMH Research Training and Career Development website <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/grants/training.cfm>